



Australian Army

“Future Trends and Combat Effectiveness”

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FORMER ARMY CHIEFS

We'll fight Islam 100 years

EXCLUSIVE

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Real terrorism threat lurks in shadow

Mid East turmoil shows no end in sight

Diggers may join mission to aid stranded refugees

By David Wroe
Australian soldiers could join a
led ground force to help

Aussie fighters leading extremist PR: ASIO

Set for war unlike any other

Putin prepared to use force in standoff

Russia EXAMINING

China cops censure from Australia for unilateral moves

David Wroe

Gunfire cracked in the ce

Closer ties for US and Australian forces

There are good reasons to believe

AUSSIE JIHADIST'S SON, 7, POSES WITH A SEVERED HEAD IN SYRIA... AND THE WEST CAN DO NOTHING



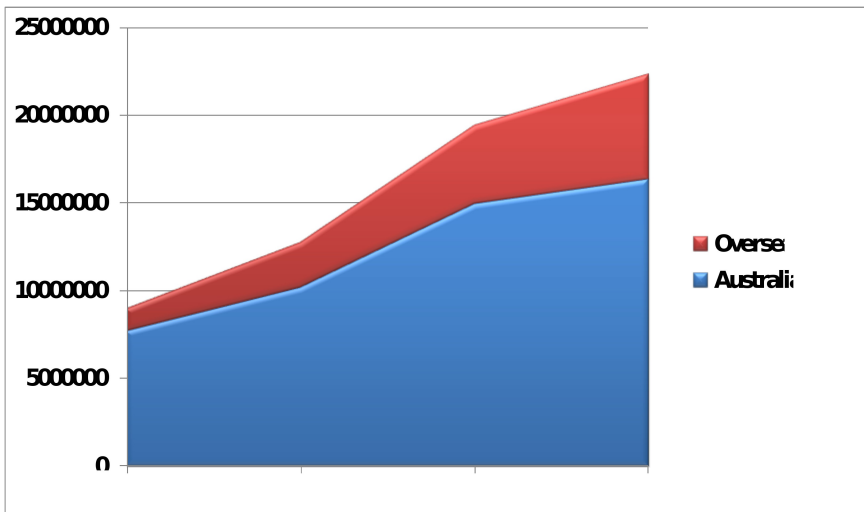
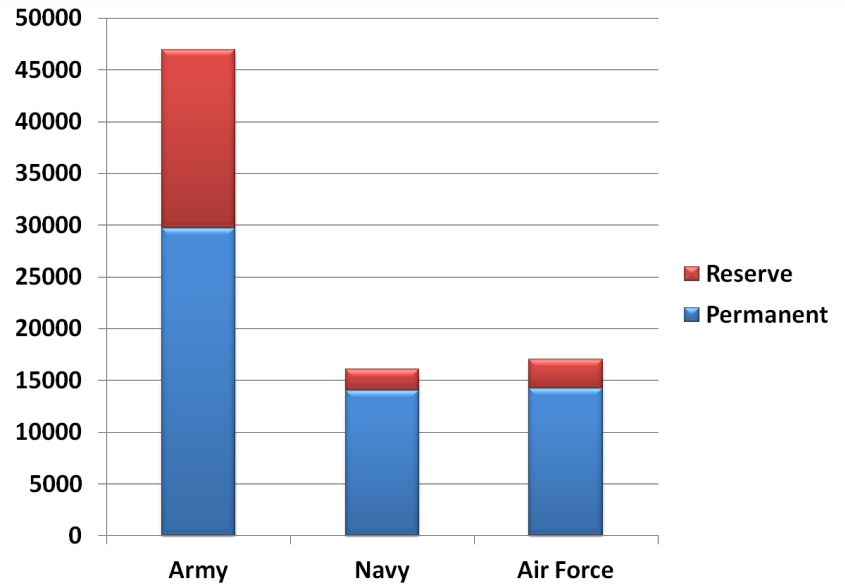
How did it come to this?



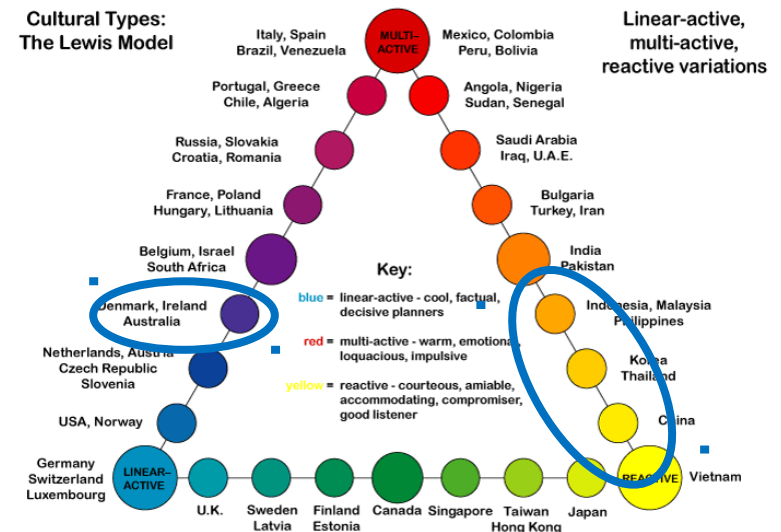
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- **Emerging Environments**
- **Addressing Future Trends**
- **Conclusions**



Australian Context



Cultural Types:
The Lewis Model





Future Land Warfare



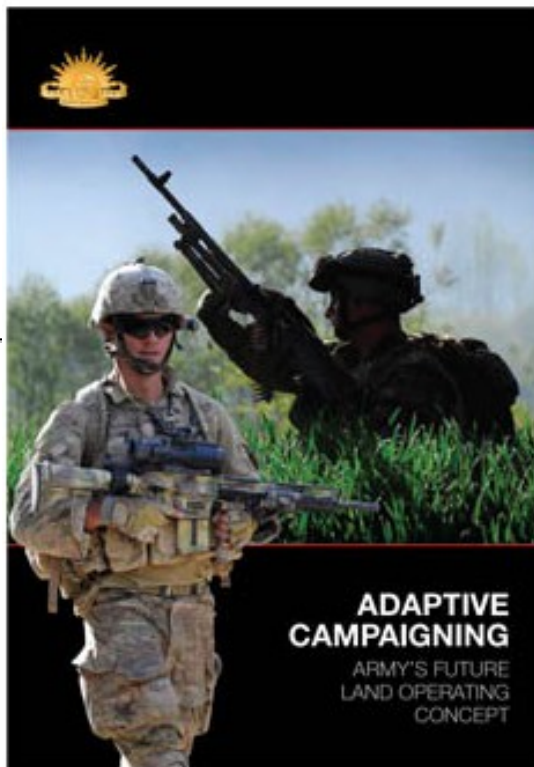
- The **nature** of warfare is enduring: it remains a fundamentally human activity. People are central to our capability.
- The **character** of warfare is dynamic and continually evolving. Diversity of actors, advances in technology and global trends drive constant change.



Future Environments



Future Land
Warfare Report
2014



AC-FLOC:

- conceptual and philosophical framework to inform force modernisation and ensure Army remains postured to meet the demands of the future.

FLW Report 2014:

- describes five trends in the future operating environment and suggests their possible influence on the Army's future land force.
- provides a sound basis for the Army's contribution to the development of joint capability and to inter-agency cooperation.
- informs Army's contributions to policy and strategy development within



Lethal



Collective



Connected



Constrained



Crowded



Transformation of Army

- Plan Beersheba - principle change program.
- Next step from 2008-2009 Adaptive Army changes to structure and force generation.
- Focussed on institutionalising contemporary operational lessons, inducting new equipment, and optimising the Brigade Combat Team structure and force generation within Army.



Plan BEERSHEBA: Objectives

- Broader range of sustainable military options for govt.
- Incorporate lessons of last 15 years of operations.
- Simpler analysis for procurement:
 - **Not** three types of formation (mechanised, light and motorised).
- Lower cost of ownership / Effective use of resources.
- Greater opportunity for foundation warfighting combined arms training.
- Fundamental integration of Reserve capability.



Modernising Army: Plan Beersheba

Force Generation cycle and Training System Reform

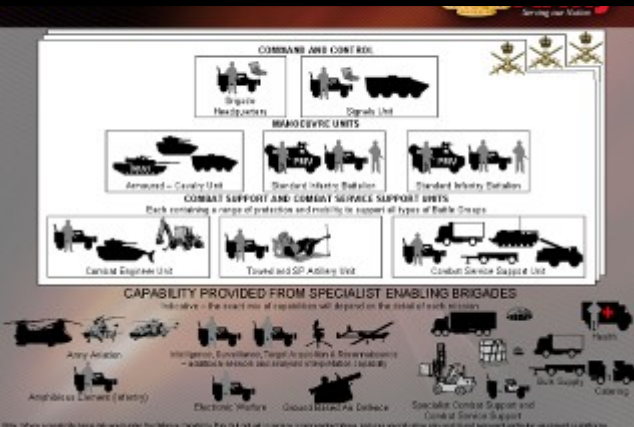


Integrate new capabilities

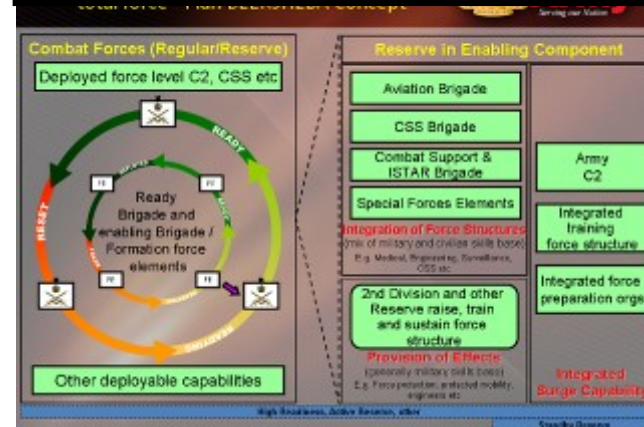


Plan BEERSHEBA

'Brigade Restructure'

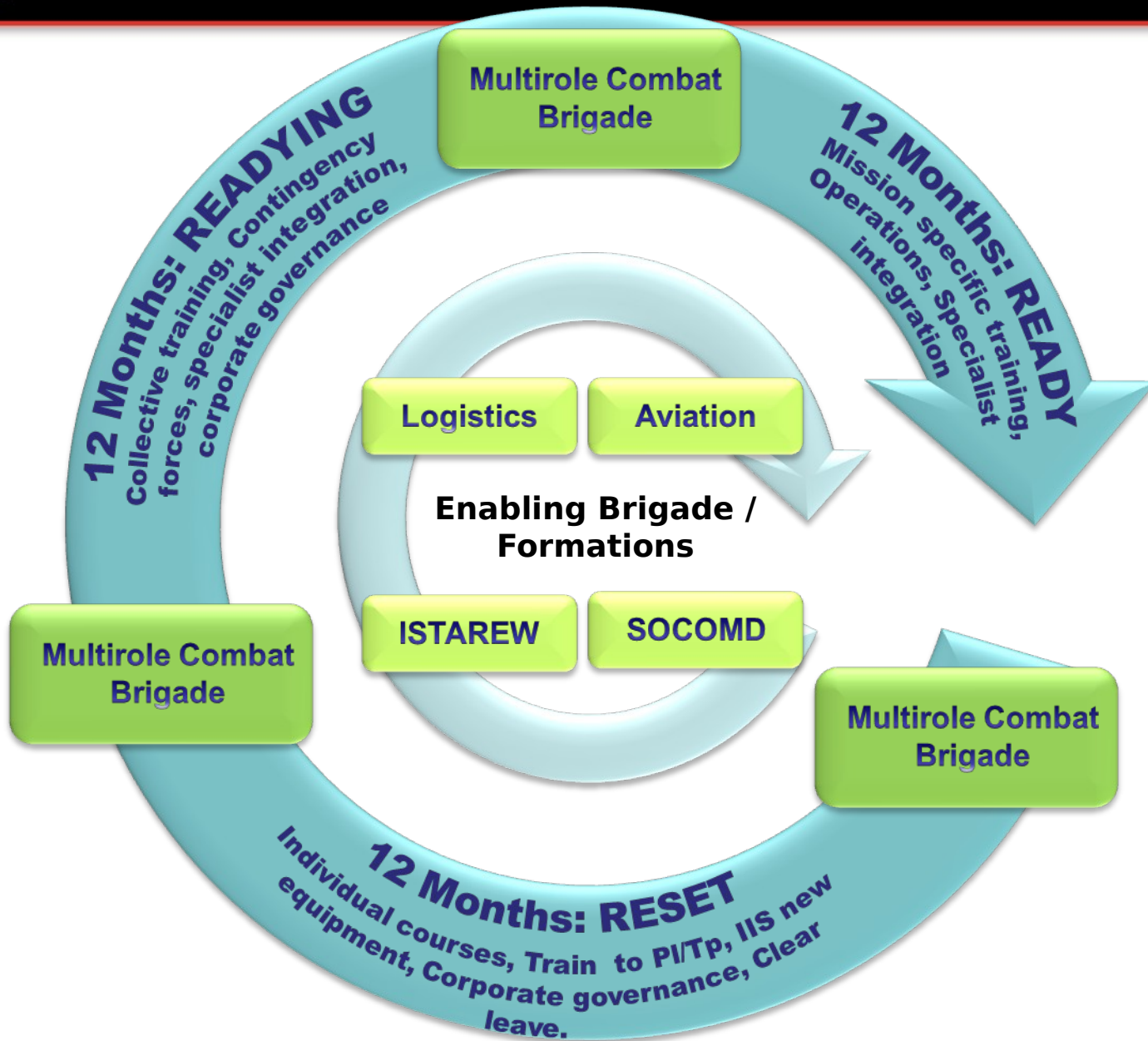


'Total Force Concept'





Force Generation Cycle





Conclusions

- Considered view of potential future operating environments
- Invested in institutional learning and modernisation.
- Plan Beersheba – Integrated plan for provision of flexible, scalable and capable land forces.